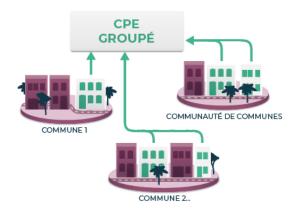




# **Energy Performance Contract for rural municipalities**

A shared Energy Performance Contract (EPC) model adapted to rural municipalities is currently being tested in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, in the territory of the Urban area of Porte de l'Isère (CAPI). The EPC allows energy renovation works, whose impact in terms of energy saving is guaranteed contractually. Developed as part of the European project STEPPING, the model tested focuses on five schools, emblematic buildings of local authorities, whose renovation allows to enhance the public heritage while creating local activity.

#### An EPC model developed in the framework of a European project



This "Grouped EPC" model integrates, in the same contract, several buildings of different municipalities. Accessible to local businesses, it is adapted to different legal and financial arrangements.

Its real added value is that it allows small municipalities, which do not have the means, to benefit from the guarantees and benefits of the EPC, through a pooling solution.

This EPC was developed in the framework of the European project STEPPING, a project whose objective is to contribute to providing public stakeholders with the keys to accelerate the energy transition of their territory. Bringing together nine partners from seven European countries, STEPPING is a three years project (2016-2018) led by Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Energie Environnement, as French partner and co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region and the Ademe (French Environment & Energy Management Agency).

# The CAPI, test territory



Primary School of Domarin, on the CAPI territory (©AURA-EE)

The CAPI volunteered as a test territory for the project in France. This action is part of the renovation strategy of the tertiary buildings of the local authorities.

"At CAPI, we have begun to think through the management of our built heritage," says Sébastien Delmas, Director of Sustainable Building at CAPI. "Energy audit campaigns were launched on more than 80 inter-municipal buildings, an energy master plan was deployed, and various financial levers - own investment, answer to the call for expressions of interest of the Caisse des Dépôts .... - make it possible to maintain a real dynamic on the territory."

In four years, the Association of local authorities has developed an expertise in energy renovation of public buildings, which it wishes to make available to its municipalities: "We work for our municipalities. They must be able to benefit from our expertise in technical and financial engineering, particularly on the EPC."

## A unique experimentation in France



With the STEPPING project, the CAPI is testing a "grouped EPC" for schools, in five municipalities on its territory, bringing its technical, legal and financial expertise.

Until the end of 2018, municipalities have to choose works to be carried out on their schools. The EPC should be deployed in 2019, for works on buildings or on the systems (ventilation, heating...).

The planned investments range from € 760 k€ (work on the systems) to € 1,9 M€ (works integrating systems and buildings), for energy savings ranging from 25% to 77%.

### Why choose an EPC for the renovation of its buildings?

The main advantage of the EPC is that it guarantees contractually a reduction in energy consumption over time, while contributing to a better operation of buildings. In addition, the energy savings made over the years make it possible to maximize the initial investment (work on the building or on the heating system, for example).

-> More information : <u>cpeauverhnerhonealpes.fr</u>

• <u>Watch the video</u> of the Batijournal on the financing of the energy renovation – Congress of the sustainable buildings, Lyon, October 17th – 18th, 2018 (in French)